

John Burroughs' BEECH WOODS or DEACON WOODS

with Steve Grimm of West Park, NY, 8/29/07

411-26



Diagrammatic —
not to scale

↑ N

↑ approx.

A) BEECH WOODS, WEST

Photo of 2 beeches connected by above-ground root.

Most beeches are diseased, but are still alive. Dbh on 15", 18", 18.5", & 20" on live trees. Crowns incomplete by dead branches.

The 20" beech is hollow with a cantilever open split: 60y in outer 2" of radius. Total radius 10", but 300y total age is highly improbable.

1 hemlock
VIB ACER

Stand unevenaged, suggesting that it was always forested.

B-SUG climax, the B dominant along the drier spur crest & the SUG dominant on the slopes moister.

B) BEECH WOODS EAST

Beech broken 12' up, 12" at b.h., 10" at the break. 80y + maybe 18y more to reach 12' height. ≤ 98 y.

Beech stump along road 18" diam. Heart rot. 6" outer radius = 88y. ≤ 94 radius ~ 120 y?

C) 411-27

D) Norway spruce fresh dbh?? stems 60 to 67y old, cut this year. Estab. 1940s.

E) Cabin of Kevin Furman. Kevin has access over the road through Steve Grimm's tract.

F) Old SUGs formerly in a pasture as a sugarbush. 24" dbh \pm

G) Enormous rock pile, from cleared runway & field, resembles a bluestone & tailings pile.

H) OAKS 24" to 35" + BB, RM, Ost. BB regeneration w/ spr seedling. Very dry & "bony" spr. Small Eur. Larch plantation (more below)

I) Gould family runway 1920s?

J) Deacon Road named after an early settler, Deacon Scudder!

NOT 2810 spr. LL C. flabellata? truncate bases.

K) Crataegus with lobed lvs??

L) White spruce young, planted in 2000.

M) continued: Trees # 411-50

18" OAK, 68y, stump cut about 5y old. 2nd OAK 24" stump 63y plus stump 7y old. OAKS established $\bullet\bullet$ about year 1930.

N) Pasture + Cornfield, alternating years, ^{back to} 1971 according to Kevin Furman. Solid bicolor, grand can. Anaphalis

O) Former pastures now a forest at age ± 50 y: ASH, RM, BC, BASS, DP, and nil tree repro.

P) From gap in stone wall, summit of Old Clump is exactly magnetic north.

Q) From N, Old Clump is gray from defoliation.

R) Lot purchased by Henry Ford to bail out the financially-strained Burroughs family. Shipped bluestone to Michigan (??). Burroughs family abandoned their farm ca. 1920, about the time John parred in 1921

S) Old pasture naturally reforesting with YB, OAK, OAK repro, 2 BBs, RM, VACC, LYCO OBS, no Beech > 8 ". One giant AMEL 9 1/2" x 50". TB & MC under! SMAL seedling

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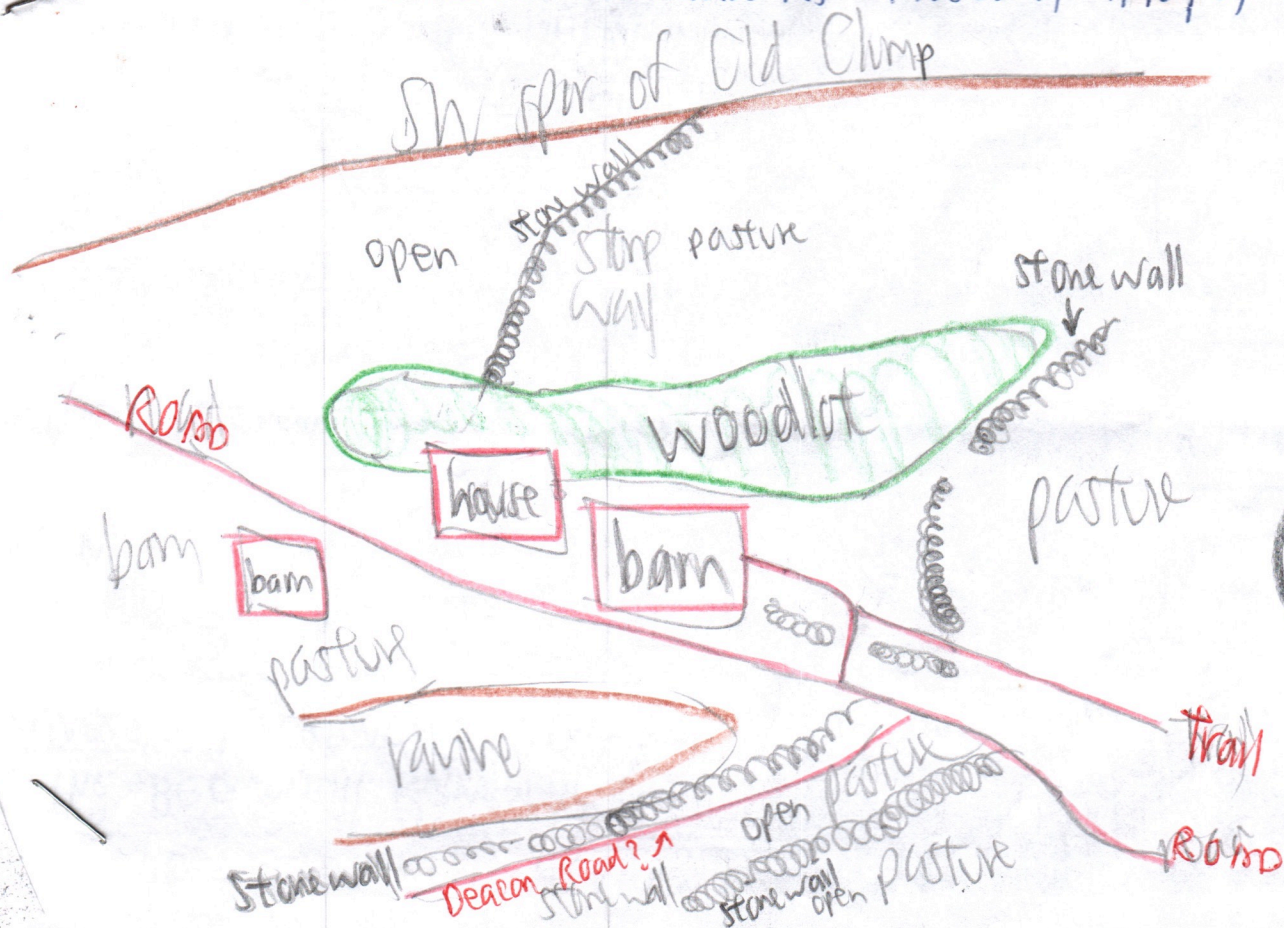
Peg Ellsworth is Town of Roxbury historian, briefly introduced to by Steve Grimm on 8/29/07 in Town offices upstairs, NW corner room. Town offices are just N? of library (or S?)

Photo ^{piece} by Makse ca 1925 ^{on} post card. On exhibit at Kirkside Park by D.D. by UTD RR Hist Soc. On Dick Makse poster

Old Clump



Photos in Burroughs' Exhibit in Phoenixia Rf Museum, 9/16/07:



Photos ~~are~~
looking W.
Undated.
Looks like
electric
poles along
road, so
1930s?
1920s?

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